

THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER



ANS DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER AWARD TO MACKENZIE ANS Fifty Year Members, Volunteers Honored

Gala ceremonies marked the first annual "ANS Members Appreciation Day" on July 19, highlighted by recognition of eight newly-elected Honorary Life Members of the Society, celebrating their fiftieth anniversary of ANS membership, and nine volunteers, honored for their assistance in a variety of ANS functions during the past year.

Remarks by Houghton

ANS President Arthur A. Houghton welcomed the audience gathered to honor their fellow members, an audience that filled the Society's East Gallery. He summarized the program for the afternoon, noting that "today's program is joyous for several reasons. First, we are inaugurating a new tradition here at the ANS: the formal recognition of the Society's devoted cadre of volunteers - individuals who contribute of their time, their skills, and their knowledge in the furtherance of our objectives.

"We will also be conferring, for the first time, the Society's 'Distinguished Volunteer Award,' recognizing volunteer efforts on our behalf over a period of some 40 years by our good friend, Ken MacKenzie.

"Next, we shall have the privilege of honoring eight members of our Society whose loyalty and devotion to this institution stretches back 50 years. This recognition program, now in its sixth year, continues to remind us that, as we come to know more about our fellow ANS members, we

are better able to appreciate what noteworthy company we are in. Again this year, our honorees have distinguished themselves in various facets of numismatics, exemplifying by their contributions both the compass of the discipline and the range of interests and specialties among our membership.

"And finally, another cause for joy is that this occasion brings to our podium, Mark Salton, familiar to us all as the eloquent Chairman of our Huntington Award Committee, who later today will address the Society for the first time as our featured guest speaker."

ANS Volunteer Ted Withington, right, and his wife Robin, chat with ANS Curator Michael Bates at the reception following Members Appreciation Day ceremonies



Volunteers Recognized

Mr. Houghton called on ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam for the presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to the Society's 1997 Volunteers. Mr. Elam reminded the audience that "from its earliest days, the Society has benefited from the volunteer efforts of its members, a practice which happily continues unabated today. In fact, now more than ever, we rely on the good nature of our volunteers to carry out many and varied tasks, particu-

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larly those related to the organization and cataloguing of our collections, both in the coin rooms and in the library. It is only fitting that we pause in our daily work to give proper recognition and thanks to those who contribute their services for the benefit of all who use the Society's facilities, both now and in the future.

"On this occasion, we seek to honor our current cadre of volunteers and, in so doing, to encourage an expansion to their ranks, that we may recognize additional honorees at this time each year."

Several volunteers were unable to attend. Honored in absentia were: William S. Kable, who has catalogued essentially our entire world gold collection, exclusive of the United States; Adam Philippidis, who aids the library staff in the ongoing work of reorganizing the collections; Lili Wronker, who, for many years, has donated her artistic talents as calligrapher to the ANS, including our Fifty-Year Member Awards; and Philip L. Mossman, who serves as the volunteer Editor of the *Colonial Newsletter*, published by the ANS since the beginning of this year.

Regretting his inability to be present for the occasion, Dr. Mossman wrote "I look at our relationship as typically symbiotic since I derive so much benefit from you. I feel a real kindred spirit with the stated mission of the Society which supports 'scholarly research ... and the publication of the results'."

Happily, five ANS volunteers were present to receive the Society's thanks and appreciation in person. Noting that several of our volunteers cannot easily be pinned down by department, Mr. Elam asked staff members under whom our volunteers are currently working to make the individual presentations.

Michael L. Bates, Curator of Islamic and East Asian Coins, introduced David Jen, who has spent the past year reorganizing the Society's Chinese collection, and Kenneth M. MacKenzie, a specialist and long-time volunteer in Ottoman Turkish coins, about whom more later.

ANS Librarian Francis D. Campbell recognized Normand Pepin for his ongoing help in the Library over the past year.

Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, the Margaret Thompson Curator of Greek Coins at the ANS honored two volunteers in her department: Hyla A. Troxell, whom she referred to as a "volunteer curator" whose research in the collection has resulted in several scholarly publications including

the recently issued ANS 21, and Frederic G. Withington, who shares his cataloguing talents between the Greek and East Asian departments.

Distinguished Volunteer Award

Returning to the podium, Mr. Houghton thanked the volunteers and expressed, on behalf of the Society's Council, a debt of gratitude to all who labor unselfishly on behalf of our organization.

Mr. Houghton continued, "I am very pleased, therefore, to announce the inauguration of the Society's Distinguished Volunteer Award, in the form of a suitably engraved silver medal, recognizing long-standing, dedicated service to the Society in a voluntary capacity. We can think of no better way to establish the criteria for this award, which others can strive to emulate, than to name as our first recipient, our very dear friend, Kenneth M. MacKenzie."



ANS Councillor Landon Thomas presents the engraved medal to Kenneth MacKenzie, Distinguished Volunteer Award recipient (Edmund Harper Photo)

To make the presentation, he called upon a fellow member of the Council, himself a student of Ottoman coinage, Mr. Landon Thomas, who read the citation, prepared for the most part by Dr. Bates:

"Kenneth MacKenzie, a native of Devon in England, but—as we can never forget—a Scotsman to the core, joined the American Numismatic Society in 1952, four years after he came to America. His collecting interest was already Ottoman Turkish coins, which he began to collect in London after serving in the Middle East, Kenya, and Burma during the war. Turkish coins must have seemed easy to him, after all he started collecting at age seven with Chinese copper cash!

"At the Society he met George Miles

and Geoffrey North, and began to help out 'a wee bit' in the library. When Nuri Pere, author of the best-known guide to Ottoman coins, came to visit Dr. Miles in 1968, Miles presented him to Kenneth and left the two of them to work things out. The result was Numismatica Orientalia, Kenneth's book distribution agency, which marketed Pere's book in the U.S.

"About 1971, the editor of Spink's *Numismatic Circular* invited Kenneth to submit an article, the first of a flood of publications numbering some 180 articles and books in the subsequent 16 years. In 1974, Kenneth's publications and service to the ANS earned him election as a Fellow.

"When Miles died in 1975, he left the publication of the Islamic coins from Sardis unfinished. The identification and cataloguing were turned over to Kenneth, who became the co-author of the Sardis excavation volume with Theodore V. Buttrey, Anne Johnston, and Michael L. Bates. At this point, Kenneth's services to the Society's collection began in earnest. He inaugurated a complete survey of our Ottoman collection, bringing the identifications and labeling up-to-date, and when the computer cataloguing of the collection began in 1980, Kenneth edited and amplified the data. His work for the ANS only increased when he retired in 1987. In addition to the Ottomans, Kenneth has also worked over the coinage of their predecessors, the Beys of Anatolia, and has assisted with many other series.

"His great coup came this year. For some years he had worked with Mr. and Mrs. George Lincoln, who had purchased the Ottoman collection of William Holberton, known as the 'Jem Sultan' collection in its luxurious publication, and with their curator, I.G.C. Campbell, another Scot. Toward the end of 1996, Kenneth persuaded the Lincolns that the best home for their collection, which had grown to 5,601 coins, was the ANS. They made the donation in January 1997, along with a separate collection of more than 7,000 Indian coins. A full report on the collections, with an exhibit of some of the more interesting items, will be presented at the Society's Annual Meeting on October 25.

"For his faithful, constant, and indispensable service for many decades, Kenneth MacKenzie is now the first recipient of the Society's Distinguished Volunteer Award. The award is intended to

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recognize, not donations of material, although Kenneth has given us quite a few coins and books, and not donations of cash, although Kenneth has been generous, but to recognize service, work, assistance, to the numismatic and library collections. The ANS, after all, is a Society, and its Members have to work together to help accomplish its mission. Kenneth MacKenzie has done that, and sets an example for all of us."

Mr. Thomas then spoke personally of his admiration and respect for Mr. MacKenzie as an expert in the coinage of the Ottoman Turks and of his generosity toward those who are similarly interested in this important historical period.

Mr. Thomas then called Kenneth MacKenzie to the podium for presentation of the silver medal, saying, "Kenneth, I am honored to present to you, on behalf of the Society and all its members, this Distinguished Volunteer Award which is engraved:

KENNETH MALCOLM MACKENZIE
DISTINGUISHED VOLUNTEER
AWARD
1997

Mr. MacKenzie, accompanied by his wife Jean, expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the honor bestowed upon him, and looked forward to many happy hours wrestling with the Society's newest bountiful addition to its Ottoman cabinet.

By happy coincidence, immediately following the ceremony, it was learned that Kenneth had won the Fred Philipson Award of the International Bank Note Society for an article of his appearing in that journal in 1996.

Fifty-Year Members

Mr. Houghton announced that at the Society's board meeting earlier that day, the Council recorded eight new Honorary Life Members of the American Numismatic Society, recognizing individuals celebrating fifty years active association in the American Numismatic Society. He noted that, "happily, one of our recipients is with us today as the representative of the class of 1947. For the other seven, from whom we have received expressions of regret that they cannot be here to take part in the proceedings in their honor, we are recording our program on videotape to be sent to each of them. I know that they will all be happy to see so many of their

friends here today.

"To mark this milestone, we are pleased to present to each honoree a certificate hand lettered for this occasion by ANS member and volunteer, Lili Wronker."

Mr. Elam introduced the seven honorees in absentia:

Frederick H. Armstrong received his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1965 and is now Professor of History at the University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario, where he received the President's Medal in 1978. A member of the Canadian Historical Association and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, his extensive bibliography includes several books on Canadian history, notably Canadian urbanization and the growth of colonial elites. He received the Award of Merit of the American Society for State and Local History in 1984. Prof. Armstrong was a Newell Fellow at the ANS in 1947 and 1948, a program of study which, in 1952, was formalized into the ANS Graduate Seminar. In a letter of June 25, 1997, Prof. Armstrong writes that "my interest in numismatics continues and I am honoured by your recognition of my long membership."

Antonio Beltran, a Corresponding Member of the ANS, is Professor of Archaeology and Numismatics at the University of Zaragoza, Spain. He directed the Museum of Cartagena from 1942 to 1950 and the Museum of Zaragoza, 1956-74. He has written extensively on archaeology and numismatics, with over 50 entries in the ANS card catalogue, and is the founding director of the scientific journal, *Caesaraugusta e Hispania Antigua Epigraphica*.

While a student at Princeton University, T.R. Fehrenbach of San Antonio, Texas, was recruited as a member of the ANS by Professor Louis C. West, at the time, the President of the ANS. A collector of ancient coins, Fehrenbach is a prolific writer of popular history, including *This Kind of War*, published in 1963 and considered a text book on U.S. ground forces in the Korean War, and his widely-read history of Texas, *Lone Star*, published in 1968. A Sunday editorial columnist for the *San Antonio Express-News*, Mr. Fehrenbach has contributed fiction and nonfiction to a broad range of periodicals and is a Fellow of the Texas State Historical Association and a Knight of San Jacinto, the highest order of the Society of the Republic of Texas.

Frank Lenoir of Houston, Texas, was at the Naval Training School at MIT when he discovered that ancient coins were not just to be seen in museums. From Boston's Commonwealth Avenue coin shops, he progressed to Wayne Raymond and Edward Gans in NYC who introduced Mr. Lenoir to the beautiful coins of Syracuse. He later consulted regularly with Leo Mildenberg and Silvia Hurter of Bank Leu in furthering his collecting interests. Now retired, he has disposed of his collection and most of his 500-volume library, retaining, however, the memories. In a letter to the ANS of July 15, he noted "I believe I have enjoyed the numismatic books as much as the ancient coins that came my way, and also the people I've known through coins and books."

Felip Mateu y Llopis, Professor Emeritus at the University of Barcelona, Spain, is considered the dean of Spanish numismatics. Elected a Corresponding Member of the ANS in 1947, he received the Society's Huntington Medal in 1979. Prof. Mateu y Llopis, an Honorary Member of the International Numismatic Commission, published his first numismatic book, *La Ceca de Vallencia*, in 1929. From his prolific mind has flowed a steady stream of important research, numbering in addition to several books, over 150 articles and 100 reviews, published in the leading Spanish journals. In addition to seminal catalogues, his *Bibliografia de la historia monetaria de Espana* is indispensable to students in the field.

Alfredo G. Porraz of Mexico City collects, appropriately enough, Mexican coins; he published an interesting article on mintmarked silverplate, "Platos de Plata con las cecas de Mexico y de Madrid," in the *Boletin* of the Mexican Numismatic Society in 1969.

Homer A. Thompson, a resident member and Professor of Classical Archaeology at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, was director of the Agora excavations in Athens for over 20 years, the subject of several of his books. He received the Gold Medal of the Archaeological Institute of America in 1972. Over the years, Professor Thompson has been a frequent and welcome visitor here at the ANS and is cited by Margaret Thompson in the foreword to her book, *New Style Silver Coinage of Athens*, for his important epigraphic contributions.

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Carmen Arnold-Biucchi congratulates Fifty-Year Member Charles Hersh (Edmund Harper Photo)

Charles Hersh Honored

Mr. Houghton called on Dr. Arnold-Biucchi to cite Charles Hersh, who was present for the ceremonies honoring him on the occasion of his fiftieth anniversary as an ANS Member.

"When Charles Hersh joined the ANS 50 years ago in 1947, he was a young man and yet he had already accomplished many of the important things of his life—more than most of us would ever dream of—he had completed his college education with a B.A. with honors in history, Phi Beta Kappa, from Amherst College in 1946 (actually the class of 1944 delayed by WW II) and had started a Master's program in English history at Harvard University which he finished in 1948. He had served with honors in the war; he entered the Army Air Corps in 1942 and became a navigator on a B-24 bomber. He flew 30 dangerous missions over continental Europe from England around D-day; returning to the U.S. with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Oak Leaf Air Medal with Clusters.

"Those years also turned out to be determinant for his numismatic career. Charles Hersh had started collecting coins seriously when he was in high school. He then lived in New Jersey and his grandmother took him to Thomas L. Elder's one day where he bought his first coin, a coin of Caligula. The following week his grandmother took him to Wayne Raymond to whom Charles proudly showed his first acquisition only to be told it was a Becker. It was promptly returned.

"While in the Air Force, he was stationed in London and frequented Baldwin's and Spink's, acquiring even then an impressive collection. After his M.A., he briefly tried law at Harvard. One of his professors offered him a fellowship to the British Museum where he spent three years from 1950 to 1953. Those must have been golden years with E.S.G. Robinson as Keeper and Kenneth Jenkins and Robert Carson as Greek and Roman curators respectively! Here no

doubt Charles received his formal training as a numismatist and his keen eye was set off to work.

"Charles at first collected Roman Imperial coins, then from 1948, encouraged by Mr. Forrer at Spink's, he specialized in Roman Republican coins, a field in which he wrote two fundamental articles, one about the intricate marking system of the denarii of Publius Crepusius, NC 1952 and one on the importance of overstrikes for the dating of early Roman coins in the NC of 1953.

"While at the BM Charles was also able to purchase some of the Alexander coins from the H.L. Haughton Collection and started studying a field that is today his main area of interest.

"Charles could have become a curator of coins but he chose a career as a loan officer at different major banks, most recently at Republic National Bank from which he retired a few years ago.

"Today Charles is best known for his publications: I already mentioned the two ground breaking articles on Republican coinage. He was one of the editors of Edward A. Sydenham, *The Coinage of the Roman Republic*, with L. Forrer. He is also one of the best living specialists on Alexander coinages along with Georges Le Rider and Hyla Troxell. With the latter, he published an important hoard of Alexander drachms in *AJN* 1993/94. His contributions to Martin Price, *The Coinages in the Name of Alexander and Philip Arrhidaeus*, as well as to Margaret Thompson, *Alexander's Drachm Mints* and to Hyla Troxell, *Studies in the Macedonian Coinage of Alexander the Great*, are given ample credit and can be followed in these works. He participated in the symposium organized in memory of Nancy M. Waggoner as one of her close friends and contributed an important article in its publication *Mnemata*.

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"Finally Charles Hersh also has a passion for Greek silver fractions and for the coinages — mainly the bronze — of the Macedonian kings before Alexander and it is in this domain that Charles and I have the most fun together, trying to identify his new acquisitions.

His collection of Roman Republican coins, of Alexanders, of the Macedonian kings and of fractional Greek coinages rival those of the major public collections of the world. He has been an active and generous donor to the Greek department and also to the library and the Roman department.

Charles, Vota Quinquagesima Mvltiplicanda Sexagesima, or VOTA L, MVLX LX, for many more years of fun and collaboration together! Congratulations!

Mark Salton Featured Speaker

Continuing a tradition at meetings recognizing Fifty-Year Members, a previous Fifty-Year honoree, Life Fellow Mark Salton, was invited to present an illustrated address. Introduced by ANS Curator of Medieval Coins and Medals, Alan Stahl, Mr. Salton spoke on "Love and Politics in the Renaissance," featuring the Society's magnificent Maximilian and Mary marriage medal, on which he has done the essential research.

Following a reception at the ANS, members of the Council, honored guests and ANS staff enjoyed an informal al fresco dinner at the Boat House in Central Park.

Members Appreciation Day Guest Speaker Mark Salton, and his wife Lottie, join guests at the reception following his address (Edmund Harper Photo)



COAC 1997 Events Finalized

Alan M. Stahl, ANS Curator of Medals, has announced that plans have been finalized for the 1997 Coinage of the Americas Conference on "The Medal in America." A copy of the Preliminary Program is included as an insert in this *ANSNewsletter*. Individuals interested in the events scheduled for the weekend of November 8 and 9, 1997, are urged to complete and return the registration form and make hotel arrangements if necessary. Early November is a busy time in New York City and we expect that this conference and the Sunday workshop will prove very popular.

In addition to the full program of papers, three exhibits of modern medals will open on Saturday afternoon, November 8 and continue on view at the ANS through January 10, 1998. A retrospective exhibit of the work of Gilroy Roberts, Chief Engraver of the U.S. Mint, will include his medals for the Franklin Mint, as well as his U.S. Mint pieces, including the Kennedy half dollar. Of special interest are the preparatory drawings and models for his work, which illustrate the entire creative and technical process behind the modern medal. The American Medallist Sculpture Association and the British Art Medal Society were both founded in 1983 to promote the art of the medal in their respective regions. The organizations will celebrate their fifteenth anniversaries with a joint exhibit of contemporary work by members and students, featuring many pieces never on public display before. This joint exhibit will be accompanied by an illustrated catalogue produced specially for the event.

Grant Supports Exhibition, Education Program

The exhibition and related education programs have been underwritten by a generous grant from the Gilroy and Lillian T. Roberts Charitable Trusts. The ANS is particularly grateful to Stanley Merves, Chairman of the Trust, for his encouragement and cooperation in arranging this exciting exhibition opportunity. For the run of the exhibition through January 10, 1998, the ANS will offer free group visits to these special exhibits. Programs will include an orientation and introduction to the exhibitions, a showing of the video, "Creating an Art Medal," and a demon-

stration of the Society's nineteenth century coin press. To schedule an appointment, please call Connie Wiesman at the ANS, 212/234-3130, extension 217.

Sunday Workshop

On Sunday, November 9, there will be a four-hour workshop on die engraving and die striking. Though this is intended to tie into the theme of "The Medal in America," it should be of interest to anyone with an interest in how coins and medals are made and have been made in the past. Virginia Janssen will demonstrate the various methods of die preparation, especially direct engraving into the die face using traditional tools. Janssen is a graduate of the Roman School of the Mint, the only institution in the world with a formal program in the craft. Ron Landis, the Director of the Gallery Mint Museum, will demonstrate other methods of die preparation, especially the use of prepared punches. He will also use his "Traveling Mint" to produce medals from the dies that he and Janssen prepare. This equipment includes a screw press built along historical lines, and a Castaing machine for edge lettering. There will be a television monitor to help those in attendance view the small-scale operations, and participants will be able to strike their own copy of the souvenir medal produced at the event.

While registrants may elect to attend only the Saturday program or only the Sunday workshop, the registration fee of \$25 covers the events of both days as well as lunch on Saturday, and coffee and refreshments both days. Pre-registration forms are enclosed in this newsletter or can be obtained from the ANS at (212) 234-3130; for further information, speak to Alan Stahl at extension 224 of this number.

ANS Coins to Virginia

Eight Society coins will be included in a forthcoming exhibition at the Mariners' Museum, Newport News, VA. ANS "pieces of eight" have been lent for exhibition in "Under the Black Flag: Life Among the Pirates," which opens August 30, 1997 and runs through January 3, 1998.



Joann McCool Retires

Joann McCool, ANS Membership Secretary for the past 21 years, retired at the end of June. Among her many responsibilities at the ANS were maintenance of the membership and gift records, book-keeping, personnel records, and acting as the Society's purchasing agent, both directly with vendors and through the Joint Purchasing Corp. of which the ANS is a participating member for several negotiated purchase contracts. At a luncheon party in her honor, Joann insisted that she was not really retiring; only returning home to the midwest to be nearer her family. She did admit that one of her final acts at her computer terminal was to add her name to the list of recipients of the Society's holiday staff photo card!

Dale Martin Named Membership Secretary

Dale Martin, who joined the staff as an office assistant two years ago, has been promoted to the position of Membership Secretary. New to the staff is Tarnisha Smart who joined us in July as office assistant. Members contacting the ANS by phone or e-mail are encouraged to say hi to the office staff who are here to serve you in all aspects of ANS membership.

ANA Day at ANS

The 106th Annual ANA Convention took place in New York City from July 30 through August 3 and the American Numismatic Society was very much a part of it. A special treat for convention-goers was the opportunity to sign up for a day at the ANS on July 31. Twenty-nine guests joined the tour which included a special exhibit of "Treasures of the ANS" featuring an array of the most prized objects in the collection, on view for one day only and about which ANS Chief Curator William E. Metcalf spoke in an introductory, illustrated talk.

Following a tour of the Society's museum, guests visited with ANS staff members in the library and coin rooms, enjoyed a buffet lunch arranged for their benefit, and were treated to a special preview of two new electronic innovations in the Society's efforts to bring its collections and knowledge to a larger public.

ANS Web Site Grows

Thanks to the cooperation of the Harry Bass Research Foundation, the Society's web site (amnumsoc2.org) now includes a searchable database of the over 500,000 coin records compiled to date from the ANS holdings. (See related story.) ANA Tour visitors were given a first-hand

demonstration of this powerful new tool, permitting Internet enabled users to access detailed information on the Society's collection, and communicate directly by e-mail with ANS curators to further individual research and inquiry needs.

Also on view at the ANS during ANA Day was "Coins of the Roman World," an interactive CD-ROM produced under license for the ANS, with text and expert advice provided by Dr. Metcalf, ANS Curator of Roman and Byzantine Coins. The CD, containing full color images of 250 coins from the collection, is being marketed by Comfortable Computing and will be available in September at \$79.95.

ANS Presence at ANA

Visitors to the Society's Information Booth at the ANA Convention got a special treat on August 1 and 2. Not only were they able to view the new CD-ROM and ANS Web Site via the ANS computer brought to the show for the purpose; also on view were the Society's examples of the 1804 dollar and the Brasher Doubloon! These great treasures from the ANS American cabinet were displayed as our way of welcoming the ANA to NYC, the "coin capital of the world."

ANS Executive Director Leslie A. Elam leads the ANA Tour Group to the Society's entrance



LIBRARY NOTES

In recent months, the library staff has been busy with preparations for and servicing of this year's Graduate Seminar. Most of the reference works required for the Seminar were already held but several works were acquired to fill the needs of specific student participants. The reading rooms were fully utilized for student research, as were our extensive auction catalogue holdings. A new card catalogue unit has been purchased to permit expansion of the library's existing files. Our student assistants, Mayra Castillo, Lydia Hued, and Yamilette Osuna, have rearranged the card trays and carried out the necessary re-labelling of each tray. They have also been most helpful with the accessioning of library materials and pre-cataloging of new acquisitions.

A test group (2,200 records) of library catalogue records has been mounted at <http://www.amnumsoc2.org>, the Society's web site, where they can be searched by keyword. Following experimentation with this test group, it is our hope to develop a plan to have all library catalogue records available on the web site.

Gifts of auction catalogues and periodicals have been received from Catherine Bullova, Philadelphia, and Fred Jacobs, Bronx, New York. Randolph Zander, Alexandria, VA, has made a most generous donation of volumes related to Russian numismatics, and Jyoti Rai, Bellmore, NY, has donated a number of volumes on Indian numismatics which the library lacked. Several important antiquarian volumes were also donated by Frank Kovacs, San Mateo, CA.

Among the publications generously donated by authors and publishers are Michel Amandry and Bernard Remy, *Les monnaies de fouilles du sanctuaire de Viuz-Faverges* (Faverges, 1997); Fernando Baptista Gumucio, *Las monedas de la independencia, 1808-1827* (La Paz, 1995); J.D. Bateson, *Coinage in Scotland* (London, 1997); Richard Boudet and Georges Depeyrot, *Monnaies gauloises à la croix* (Wetteren, 1997); Q. David Bowers, *American coin treasures and hoards and caches of other American numismatic items*. With Michael Hodder, Research Associate. Foreword by Kenneth E. Bressett (Wolfeboro, NH, 1997); Colin R. Bruce, and George S. Cuhaj, *Standard*

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catalog of world paper money: *Volume III, Modern issues, 1961-1997*. 3rd ed. (Iola, WI, 1997); Georges Depeyrot, *Les émissions monétaires d'Arles (Quatrième - Cinquième siècles)* (Wetteren, 1996); Georges Depeyrot, *Imprimés monétaires royaux* (Wetteren, 1997); Horace P. Flatt, *The coins of independent Peru, Volume V: The Cuzco mint* (Terrell, TX, 1997); Liane Houghtalin and John MacIsaac, *A subject index to Numismatic Literature, Nos. 118-137 (Sep. 1987-Mar. 1997): The ancient literature* (Fredericksburg, VA, 1997); Clyde Hubbard and David O'Harrow, *Hookneck: El aguila de perfil*. (Federal Way, WA, 1997); Chester L. Krause and Clifford Mishler, *Standard catalog of world coins, 1901-present*. 25th edition (Iola, WI, 1997); Anton C. Masin, *Numismatica Americana: Catalog of the Robert H. Gore, Jr. Collection of American Numismatics* (Notre Dame, IN, 1990); al-Mazandarani, Musa al-Husayni, *Ta'rikh al-nuqud al-islamiyya* (Beirut, 1988); Leon G. Morel, *Medalllic commemoratives of New Zealand, 1865-1940: A detailed listing of all known official and private issue of numismatic pieces covering historical and commemorative events in New Zealand, 1865-1940* (Christchurch, NZ, 1996); Mando Oikonomides, *Ellenike techni: Archaia nomismata* (Athens, 1996); Russell Rulau, *Standard catalog of United States tokens, 1700-1900*. 2nd ed (Iola, WI, 1997); N.K. Rutter, *The Greek coinages of southern Italy and Sicily* (London, 1997); Wayne Sayles, *Ancient coin collecting II: Numismatic art of the Greek world* (Iola, WI, 1997); S. Suresh, *Roman antiquities in Tamilnadu* (Madras, 1992); A.P. Tzamalīs, ed., *Martin Jessop Price* (Athens, 1996); Douglas Winter, *Gold coins of the Dakhnaga Mint, 1838-1861: A numismatic history and analysis* (Dallas, 1997). Readers who wish further details concerning the above publications should address their inquiries to the Librarian.

1997 ANS Graduate Seminar Concludes

The forty-fifth ANS Graduate Seminar in Numismatics concluded its nine-week program on August 15, following a week of presentations by the students on their individual research projects conducted over the summer. Thirteen students representing twelve universities participated.

This year's Visiting Scholar was Dr. Michael Alram of the Staatliche Kunstsammlung in Vienna, a specialist in the coinage of pre-Islamic Iran, who presented three lectures to the students, ranging from the coinage of the Achaemenids through a discussion of a late medieval hoard found in Lower Austria.

Also assisting the curatorial and library staff in the conduct of the program, under the general direction of Chief Curator William E. Metcalf, were several outside speakers, whose presentations emphasized various approaches to the study of the numismatic evidence. Included were: T.V. Buttrey (Cambridge, England); Sarah E. Cox (New York); Ben Lee Damsky (Belmont, CA); Eric P. Newman (St. Louis); and Stephen K. Scher (Clifton, NJ).

The ANS Graduate Seminar program is supported by the Eric P. Newman Education Fund, established by gifts from Mr. and Mrs. Newman.

Student Research Topics

This year's students, with their academic affiliations and a synopsis of their seminar research topics, were as follows:

Joel Allen (Department of Classics, Program in Ancient History, Yale University), "Trajan's COS V aurei." For nine years in the middle of Trajan's reign (103-111: COS V), the emperor's numismatic titulature is unchanged, making the chronology of the period's considerable body of coinage very tentative on the surface. Past attempts to put the coins in order have been based on the progression of obverse portrait types, but a close study of the aurei reveals that such a method yields only limited success. A better chronology is achieved when the results of a die study of nearly 300 aurei reveals that some various reverse types can be grouped into distinct series. When these series are consid-

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The 1997 Graduate Seminar (left to right): M. Shane Butler; Brian F. Klinzing; Kriszta Kotsis; Cleopatra Papaevangelou; Mary Margaret Fulghum; Carlos F. Noreña; Joshua D. Sosin; Visiting Scholar Michael Alram; Kevin Uhalde; Sarah E. Phang; Cindy Nimchuk; Martha G. Jenks; John C. Hansen; and Joel Allen

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ered in light of the progression of their obverse portraits, an important preliminary step is made in establishing the chronology for the other denominations.

M. Shane Butler (Department of Classics, Program in Classical Studies, Columbia University), "Writing and Coins." A study of Roman coinage from its origins through the principate of Augustus has illuminated the relationship between writing on coins and writing in other media. In particular, two phenomena have been scrutinized: 1) the depiction of inscribed objects as coin types; and 2) the imitation of writing in other media in the formal characteristics of numismatic writing. With respect to the latter, the use of epigraphic square capitals on coins has been traced up to their adoption as the exclusive script of the coins of the Roman Empire.

Mary Margaret Fulghum (Department of Fine Arts, Harvard University), "Through a Glass Darkly": Unresolved Questions about Byzantine Glass Weights." This paper deals largely with the iconography and development of a typology of Byzantine glass weights, arguing that any figural representation on the weights depicts either Christ or the emperor, rather than an eparch, as has been previously argued. Tentative frequency tables are developed, based on the typology, which show that the large glass weights closely correspond to the weight of a solidus. Also based on the typology, the starting point of glass weights is dated to the time of Anastasius I. Besides Byzantine metrology and its iconography, the author is interested in coins perforated to be worn as jewelry or amulets.

John C. Hansen (Department of History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), "The Coinage of the Hellenistic Koinon of the Boeotians." In the aftermath of the allied defeat at Chaeroneia (338 BC), the Boeotian cities were reorganized into a new Koinon. During the period from 338 to 171 BC, the Koinon of the Boeotians issued silver and bronze coinage, all recognizable by the legend ΒΟΙΩΤΩΝ. The fundamental study of this coinage remains B.V. Head's *On the Chronological Sequence of the Coins of Boeotia*, published in 1881. Although scholars have challenged several points of

ed a systematic reexamination of the coinage. During a summer of work at the ANS, I began a die study of the silver coins of the Demeter/Poseidon and Poseidon/Nike types, placing them in a more precise chronological order. In addition, I examined the bronze issues in regard to their type, chronology, and denomination. In the future, I expect to expand the scope of my study.

Martha G. Jenks (Group in Ancient History and Mediterranean Archaeology, University of California, Berkeley), "The Coinage of Theodebert I of Metz (533-548)." After the collapse of the Roman Empire in the West, the barbarian successor states produced gold coinage in the emperor's name and on the Byzantine standard. This "pseudo-imperial" coinage used Byzantine types and legends which quickly became immobilized. However, the coinage of Theodebert I, the Merovingian king of Austrasia from 533/4 to 547/8, recorded the king's name, rather than that of the emperor, on the obverse. Furthermore, this coinage shows greater experimentation with titulatures and reverse types than either contemporary Byzantine coinage or other barbarian coinages. This study analyzes the barbarian and Byzantine prototypes of Theodebert's coinage, and explores the political implications of the use of numismatic spolia on the coinage of a barbarian king.

Brian Klinzing (Department of History, Fordham University), "The Coinage of Aquitaine Under Early Angevin Rule." The Aquitanian coinage of the twelfth century illustrates the political struggles of the Capetians and Angevins over control of Western France. Calling for a rethinking of the standard chronology of the coins of William X to Richard Lion-Heart, as well as questioning the attribution to Eleanor of the Ducisit coins, this study examines the typography, epigraphy, and diffusion of these coins. Furthermore, the hoard evidence and geographical distribution of these coins is used to support the argument that the "Angevin Empire" was hardly an Empire.

Kriszta Kotsis (Division of Art History, University of Washington), "Coinage of Irene (797-802)." A systematic die study and stylistic analysis of the gold solidi minted by the empress Irene in

Constantinople during the five years of her independent rule was carried out in order to obtain information about the organization of the Mint of Constantinople at the end of the eighth and the beginning of the ninth century. While the evidence collected thus far does not allow the reconstruction of a firm chronology of Irene's solidi, an analysis of die links and control marks attests to the existence of at least two contemporaneous organizational units in close proximity cooperating in the production of Irene's solidi. In addition, the stylistic evidence suggests a further division in the production which would either be chronological or geographical.

Cindy L. Nimchuk (Department of Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations, University of Toronto), "The Lion and Bull Coinage of Lydia: A Study of the Croesids." The Croesids are thought to have been initiated during the reign of Croesus, ca. 560-547 BC, and possibly continued until Darius coined the daric/siglos series sometime between 520-500 BC. Paul Naster in particular has examined aspects of striking, metrology, and style, but a comprehensive die study has not yet been done. My project this summer has focused on examining the die links and the styles of the Croesids in both the gold and silver issues and in all denominations. The material base of this study has been the collection of the ANS, supplemented by casts and photographs of Croesids housed in other museums and published accounts of hoard finds. The pattern of style distribution and reverse linkages suggests a relative sequence of minting that confirms the continuity of the coinage.

Carlos F. Noreña (Graduate Group in Ancient History, University of Pennsylvania), "Vespasian's Coinage and the Assertion of Dynasty." This paper examines the relative frequency of coin types minted at Rome under Vespasian. Emphasis is placed on the emperor's dynastic issues: 1) coins with reverse types which justify the Flavian claim to the throne (e.g. Pax, Judea Capta), and 2) coins with obverse portraits of Titus or Domitian. The methodology involves tabulation of the specimens known to us — four hoards, archaeological sites, and stray finds — and assumes that the survival rate of coins will bear a close relationship to

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the relative size of the issue in antiquity. Most important, the results allow us to attach statistical data to our interpretation of imperial coin types.

Cleopatra Papaevangelou (Dept. of Arch., Aristoteleion, Thessaloniki), "The Coinage of Tragilos in Macedonia." Tragilos, a small ancient city in Macedonia, was numismatically active in two periods (ca. 460-400 BC) issuing in silver and (ca. 400-360 BC) in bronze. The aim of this project is completion of the "corpus" of the silver and bronze Tragilos coinage, consisting of 461 published and unpublished coins collected from museums and private collections of Europe and the U.S. as well as from sales catalogues. A die study was undertaken combined with a stylistic and metrological analysis and a comparative examination with other Macedonian and Thracian coinages and Macedonian regnal coinage.

Sara E. Phang (Department of History, Columbia University), "The Silver Coinage of Carthage in the Reign of Justinian." A partial catalogue of the siliquae of Justinian minted at Carthage, with discussion of types, attribution, and a hypothetical sequence; calculations of average and theoretical weights and denominations, with a reconsideration of the evidence of AV-AR and AV-AE relationships in the Late Roman and early Byzantine empire, with use of data for the numismatic finds at Carthage as well as textual sources.

Joshua D. Sosin (Department of Classical Studies, Duke University), "The Silver Staters of Mazaeus of Tarsus." This paper presents preliminary results of an historical analysis and die study of Mazaeus' silver stater issues from Tarsus. Special emphasis is laid on deriving the system of mint production from the combinations of control marks.

Kevin Uhalde (Department of History/Program in the Ancient World, Princeton University), "The Quasi-Imperial Coinage of Merovingian Provence." A new corpus of 134 solidi and tremisses is presented. Both Merovingian royal politics, and attitudes toward Byzantium, are shown to be irrelevant to the production of the coinage. The types are a hybrid of influences. The patricius et rector provinciae is identified as the authority who dictated the unique metrological standards of the coinage.

ANS Coins Database on Internet

As the ANS continues to expand their site on the World Wide Web of the Internet, they also are providing new information to all those around the world interested in numismatics. As of August 15, the ANS Web Site (<http://www.amnumsoc2.org>) has made available a searchable database of their own Numismatic Cabinet holdings. Information on specific coins in the different departments will be searchable for ANS members and other numismatists, no matter where they live.

Divided into 12 departments, the total database of coin information represents over 533,000 records. It is being made available through the work of the Harry Bass Research Foundation, which is developing and maintaining the ANS site at this time. With the wealth of information that is generally available for the first time, it is becoming more important that numismatists avail themselves of the use of a computer in their research, and in particular the Internet.

Menu-Driven Search Capability

The link to the Search databases is on the main home page of the ANS site. On the Search sub-menu, there are search screens for each of the twelve ANS Departments, as well as an "E-Mail to:" capability to the respective Department Curator. There is also some background about each of the Departments, their strengths, and a brief history of their formation. Before searching, it will be helpful to read both the General Search Hints, which tells about how best to utilize the full power of Taxis (the search engine), and also the Search Hints specific to the particular Department, which will give you some specific keyword search examples to get acquainted with the information and its layout.

Other Search Files On-Line

In addition to the Coin Department databases, other numismatic treasures are also at this same Search URL. There is a sample database of 2,200 records from the ANS Library. The Society is studying the means of computerizing the full "library-card" listing of the 100,000+ ANS Library items in order to make the catalogue available to the public over the Internet. Also under way is creation of a searchable database of citations (most with abstracts) of the past fifty

years of *Numismatic Literature* (published twice a year by the ANS), which includes submissions from all over the world. Though the original scholarship published may be in English, German, French, Spanish, etc., the abstracts are all in English, and will help students of numismatics decide whether to pursue tracking down the original article or publication. At this point in time, the HBRF staff has entered only the last several years, and the beginning years (1946 forward), but this oeuvre of knowledge will be expanded greatly in the coming months as more and more issues are included. It is a searchable resource that researchers and students of numismatics will want to visit time and again.

In addition to the databases already noted, two other databases of information are available at this same site — the NIP (Numismatic Indexes Project) of the HBRF, and the HBRF Collection of U.S. Large Size Currency. The Numismatic Indexes Project (commonly referred to as "NIP") is a database of 72,000 articles from numismatic periodicals (written in English) in the last 100+ years, representing fourteen different publication sources. In addition to the different ANS publications, the full index of *The Nummatist* (ANA), *The Celator*, *The Colonial Newsletter*, and others are included. The HBRF Large Size Currency Collection represents 255 splendid examples of our US currency from the period of 100 years ago, and a number of these scarce/unique notes have full size obverse/reverse photos.

The American Numismatic Society is using today's latest Internet technology to share its vast numismatic knowledge, expertise and resources with the world, and to encourage numismatists everywhere to become members of the ANS and strengthen this outreach and sharing of knowledge.

Since 1991, The Harry W. Bass, Jr. Research Foundation has endeavored to serve the numismatic research community. Two principal program areas currently engage the HBRF staff: the acquisition, cataloguing and preservation of rare and significant collections of U.S. Numismatics to the end that they will be available to serious numismatists for purposes of education and research; and providing support and expertise to develop and make available a variety of numismatic research tools through the Internet.

Stahl Examines Coins from New Spanish Colonial Site

In July, Alan Stahl, ANS Curator of Medieval Coins, flew to the Dominican Republic to examine the coins found in the excavation of Concepción de la Vega. Like the other Dominican site on which Stahl has worked, La Isabela, this settlement was founded in the late fifteenth century by Christopher Columbus. The excavations at Concepción have been carried out by the Dominican Park Service and, like Isabela, are being analyzed by a team headed by Professor Kathleen Deagan of the University of Florida.

Concepción, in the interior Cibao valley, was founded and developed as a central spot for the processing of the gold which Columbus expected to find in significant quantities in the Caribbean. By the first decade of the sixteenth century, the settlement included a fortress, a cathedral, and a monastery famous as the home of the historian Bartolomeo de las Casas. The population is thought to have peaked at around 1510 with over 10,000 residents of European and indigenous background. The lack of substantial discoveries of gold, as well as a smallpox epidemic which devastated the indigenous population, led to the depopulation of the settlement, which is generally thought to have continued on a much reduced basis from about 1520 until an earthquake in 1562 finished all occupa-

tion.

Stahl has not completed his study of the coin finds of Concepción, but he has already noted some surprising patterns. Among the 61 coins found singly in context, none represent the blanca issue of 1471 of Henry IV, which dominated the finds of Isabela (see his report in *AJN* 5-6 [1993-94]). Rather, there is a modest representation of the maravedi issue of Ferdinand and Isabella initiated in 1497 (8 one-maravedi pieces, mainly from Seville), a larger representation of the spe-



Two-maravedi coin of Ferdinand, issued for the Indies, post 1506

cial colonial issue of Ferdinand initiated in 1506 (5 four-maravedi pieces, 12 two-maravedi pieces, and 2 one-maravedi pieces, from the mints of Seville and Burgos), and a surprisingly large presence of the Santo Domingo bronze issue of Carlos and Juana (32 four-maravedi pieces and 1 two-maravedi), initiated in the 1530s. In addition,

in the excavation a hoard was found of 55 examples of the Carlos and Juana four-maravedi issue, representing a wide variety of the styles of this notoriously diverse coinage. The only silver coin discovered to date is a half real of Ferdinand from the mint of Seville.

Stahl is due to return to the site, and will attempt a classification of the Carlos and Juana issue, but his preliminary observation is that the part of the site whose material he has seen to date is later than the 1495-1520 occupation previously assumed. If there are fifteenth-century features on the site they are probably not represented in the coins he has seen, and the numismatic evidence suggests significant activity at the site in the mid-sixteenth century. To Stahl's disappointment, he has so far found no evidence in the site or in the finds examined to date of the possible minting of coins in Concepción previous to the opening of the Santo Domingo mint, a conjecture that has been made on the basis of the documentation of a Mint Master at the site in 1500 and a description in the history of de las Casas.

Alexander's Macedonian Coinage

Studies in the Macedonian Coinage of Alexander the Great by Hyla A. Troxell is now available from the ANS. Its 161 pages cover the silver coins issued by Alexander III and Philip II from the major Macedonian mint (usually identified as Amphipolis) and Alexander's lifetime gold. Issues and groups, die linkage, hoards, relative and absolute chronology are thoroughly investigated. Further clarification is provided by 24 tables, 8 figures, 4 appendices, and 3 indices. The 31 plates illustrate the coins and die links, early Macedonian coinage, and unpublished hoard material.

Members holding the Publications Subscription should have received their copy in the mail. Those who desire to purchase the volume can do so directly from the ANS for \$85.00 plus postage and handling of \$1.50 for U.S. delivery or \$2.00 for foreign delivery.

Bates Attends Transformation Conference

The little hill town of Isernia in Italy was the scene of a conference of some two hundred scholars from all over Europe on the "Transformation of the Roman World," the third and last convened to consider the change from antiquity to the medieval era in all its aspects, from June 28 to July 3. One conference working group was "The Use of Money in the Early Middle Ages," which included on this occasion Dr. Michael Bates, ANS Curator of Islamic Coins, to report the transition in the eastern Mediterranean countries, for comparison with Europe.

Other members of the panel included Ermanno Arslan for Italy, Cécile Morrisson on the eastern Roman empire, Stanislaw Sucholdolski on the Merovingians, Tuukka Talvio on the importation of foreign coin into Scandinavia, Miquel Barceló, Felix Retamero and Alberto Canto Garcia on Spain, and Mark Blackburn for England. Blackburn and Barceló were co-chairs of the group, and Blackburn made the group's formal report to

the entire assembled conference. The entire Transformation project is financed by the European Science Foundation, an agency of the Council of Europe.

No European conference would be complete without excursions, which were of exceptional interest on this occasion. Attendees visited two monasteries of the transitional period. San Vincenzo al Volturno near Isernia (which is in Italy's central mountains, about 90 kilometers north of Naples) flourished for about a century before being burned and looted by Saracen mercenaries in the service of the Duke of Naples in 883. Its mother house Montecassino stood for over a thousand years before being reduced to rubble by American bombers in 1944, but beneath the modern reconstruction the ancient foundations can still be seen. At both sites, as well as at museums and institutions in Isernia, the group was shown around by expert guides.

Kleeberg Awarded Wolfenbüttel Stipendium

John Kleeberg has been awarded one of the stipendia for research at the Herzog August Bibliothek in Wolfenbüttel, in Lower Saxony in Germany. He plans to spend two months working at the library Wolfenbüttel beginning April 15, 1998. His project will be examining the German financial press of the latter half of the nineteenth century. Although the Herzog August Bibliothek is perhaps best known for its collections of German Renaissance and Baroque literature (some days it seems as though everyone in the reading room is studying Klopstock's *Messiah*) it has excellent collections in the nineteenth century as well. In particular, it has a full run of the *Berliner Börsen-Zeitung*. Although Kleeberg has consulted other periodicals in the past, notably *Der Aktionär* of Frankfurt am Main, *Der Aktionär* is somewhat less interesting because it was an honest operation. The *Berliner Börsen-Zeitung*, on the other hand, was for sale to the highest bidder. It had close contact with the corrupt railway builders whom Kleeberg is studying, and publishes information about their dubious projects before anyone else, even though the financial estimates must be taken with a grain of salt, of course.

The Herzog August Bibliothek in Wolfenbüttel, which is a research and study center for European cultural history, goes back to the library established by Duke Augustus the Younger of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, who is perhaps best known to numismatists for his series of seven bell thalers and for his many beautiful multiple thalers, such as the "birthday thaler." Its previous librarians included Leibniz, the inventor of integral calculus, and Lessing, the playwright and author of *Nathan the Wise*, a plea for tolerance among Christians and Jews. The beautiful rotunda designed by Leibniz and which served as the model for other round libraries, notably that of the Radcliffe Camera in Oxford, no longer exists; it was torn down in the nineteenth century, partly at the urging of Theodor Mommsen, and replaced by a building constructed by the best railway station architect in the Duchy of Brunswick. In 1981, the baroque Zeughaus (arsenal) in Wolfenbüttel was renovated and opened to the public as new quarters for the library. The renovated Zeughaus is one of the most beautiful library buildings in the world.

Colonial Newsletter 105 Issued

The *Colonial Newsletter*, serial #105, of August 1997, has been mailed to subscribers. This journal, founded in 1960, deals with early American numismatics prior to 1793 and appears three times a year. This current issue, the second one to be published under the sponsorship of the American Numismatic Society, contains two full length articles in its 34 pages.

The first feature, "The Case Against Thomas Goadsby," by Michael Hodder, describes the legal entanglements in which this prominent figure in New Jersey coinages became embroiled in post-Revolutionary New York of 1785. The second full length presentation is the reproduction and annotation of a c.1810 manuscript, *The Adventures of a Halfpenny; commonly called a Birmingham Halfpenny*. This child's book, written in animated fashion using the colloquial language of the period, narrates the

adventures of a William III counterfeit copper. Although originally intended for a young audience, this booklet gives much numismatically valuable information about the manufacturing and circulation of counterfeit coppers. The 58 footnotes skillfully researched by the author, Charles W. Smith, explain many of the archaic terms and argot of the times.

A hitherto unpublished Fugio copper, Newman 25-PP, reported by Anthony Terranova, prompts a discussion of the clubbed rays Fugio by Editor-Emeritus James C. Spilman and current editor, Philip L. Mossman. Anyone who would like to receive a complimentary issue of *CNL* 105, is invited to contact Leslie A. Elam, Executive Director, American Numismatic Society, Broadway at 155th Street, New York, NY 10032. ANS members may elect to receive *CNL* as a perquisite of membership.

ARAB-BYZANTINE FORUM III

The third annual Arab-Byzantine Forum at the ANS is scheduled this year for Saturday November 15 at 10:00. The meeting is for formal and informal discussion of the seventh and eighth-century copper coinage of the eastern Mediterranean derived from Byzantine prototypes, as well as the Byzantine prototypes themselves. The meeting will be co-sponsored by the North American branch of the Oriental Numismatic Society.

The meeting is expected to last most of the day. A sandwich lunch will be provided, as well as coffee and snacks, for which there will be a fee of \$20.00. Anyone with an interest in the field who would like to attend should contact Michael L. Bates at the Society. Contributions on the historical, economic, administrative and social background to the coinage will also be welcome.

Two More Seminars Scheduled

During the coming year, there will be two more informal seminars for collectors and students. On Saturday, February 21, 1998, an East Asia Forum will be held. This is intended to concentrate on Chinese cast coins, to introduce the coinage to those new to this field of study. Several experienced specialists are expected to be on hand.

Then May 16, 1998, also a Saturday, will be the date on which a forum on Eastern Mediterranean Coinage in the Twelfth Century will be held. This is intended to bring together a lot of interests: Atabeg coppers, Crusader coins (both Frankish and Arabic), Byzantine, Fatimid, Ayyubid, Norman; if it's twelfth century, Mediterranean, and eastern, we're interested. We might even be willing to shade the limits a bit for interesting topics.

For any of the forums, contact Curator Michael Bates (bates@amnumsoc.org).

Report of the Annual Meeting of the ACLS

This year's meeting took place in Philadelphia at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel on 2-3 May with the theme of the "Transformation of Humanistic Studies in the University of the 21st Century." Discourse, much of it murky, canvassed the impact of the bewildering array of technological "advances" in electronic communication. Predictions, dire and hopeful, that were offered, however, simply will have to wait on the passage of time. More interestingly, three panelists spoke of how the disciplines that comprise the humanities have undergone change because of political and social pressure. No longer does the emphasis of humanistic teaching stress national goals but global ones, or so it seems. But even in a global context, learning to write and speak coherently and with moral awareness, the essential substance of an education in the humane disciplines, will remain of value.

One other topic, the ever popular subject of the Academic Labor Market, occupied one session of the meeting. Again, many gloomy remarks on the consequence of having educated so many Ph.D.s, but no useful proposals on how to use them, were forthcoming. Underlying so much of the discussion at this session was the reluctance to admit that teaching and scholarly work are fundamentally a "calling." For many reasons, mostly meretricious ones, the Ph.D. has become a glittering prize that some think should be available to all who want it.

Haskins Lecturer

Natalie Zemon Davis presented the Haskins Lecture this year. The Henry Charles Lea Professor of History emeritus at Princeton, she specializes in French history of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Her account of her intellectual life demonstrates what a scholarly life entails and how it can be accommodated to a woman's role as wife and mother in a society that was and is not always sympathetic to the woman who wants a useful scholarly career. I found her talk engaging and stimulating. Intelligence rightly used, perseverance, and wit do have their rewards.

Change, as we all know, is inevitable and the ACLS too is changing. The president and the vice-president are both retiring this year.

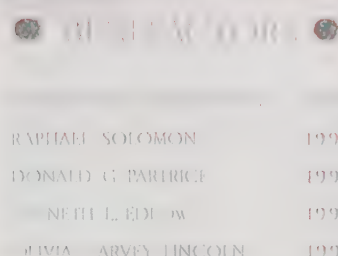
Stan Katz will return to teaching history at Princeton and Doug Bennett will assume the presidency of Earlham College. Both have served the ACLS nobly and well. The new president is John D'Arms, professor of Classics at the University of Michigan and sometime graduate dean there. He is an able and imaginative scholar and administrator who will continue the good work of Stan Katz. No ACLS vice-president has yet been appointed.

Respectfully submitted,
Roger A. Hornsby
Second Vice-President

NLG Award to COAC 11

The Proceedings volume of the eleventh annual ANS Coinage of the Americas Conference, *Coinage of the American Confederation Period*, was honored as "Best Museum Catalog" at the annual "NLG Bash" held July 31 in conjunction with the ANA Convention in New York City. The Numismatic Literary Guild, the national professional organization of numismatic authors, editors, and publishers, annually honors numismatic works published during the past year, selected from among submissions in a variety of categories.

Coinage of the American Confederation Period, edited by Dr. Philip L. Mossman, was published by the ANS in 1996 and is the largest volume in the COAC Proceedings series to date. Nine fully illustrated papers are presented in its 346 pages; the book is available from dealers and directly from the ANS at \$25.00 plus \$1.50 postage. The current listing of ANS publications in print may be viewed at the Society's web site, <http://www.amnumsoc2.org>.



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New Benefactor Tablet Unveiled

Members and friends gathering at the ANS on July 19 for Members Appreciation Day were witness to a special "unveiling" ceremony. A new Benefactor Tablet has been installed at the ANS, to record the names of donors whose contributions to the Society aggregate over \$200,000. The first four stone plaques, recording 70 individuals and organizations, are fully engraved.

ANS President Arthur A. Houghton drew attention to the new tablet, draped in a tricolor cloth.

Greeting the audience, Mr. Houghton remarked, "As we prepare to enter the meeting room, I ask you to pause a moment before our newest plaque recording the five most recent Benefactors of the Society. The covering displays the Society's colors representing the traditional metals of money: gold, silver, and bronze—fitting in that the donors here recorded have generously contributed at least \$200,000 to the collections and coffers of our institution."

Newly immortalized in the halls of the ANS are The Arcana Foundation, 1989; Raphael Solomon, 1992; Donald G. Partrick, 1993; Kenneth L. Edlow, 1995; and Olivia Garvey Lincoln, 1997.

John Jermain Slocum, Dead at 83

The American Numismatic Society mourns the passing of John Jermain Slocum, a man of extraordinary intellectual breadth and diversity, a friend, a supporter, and a good counselor. He was, in the finest and truest sense, our Traveler to an Antique Land. Slocum died on August 13, 1997, at his home in Newport, Rhode Island.

John J. Slocum was elected a member of The American Numismatic Society in 1962, a Fellow in 1964, and in 1974 was elected to his first term as a member of the Society's governing Council. A specialist in Middle Eastern coinages, particularly of the time of the Crusades, he served as the Chairman of the Society's Standing Committee on Islamic and South Asian Coins during the years 1974-1990.

Slocum began his career as a journalist. Armed with a B.A. from Harvard in 1936 and a Master's from the Columbia University School of Journalism in 1938, he served as Press Secretary to the colorful New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia from 1940 to 1942, and in 1940 helped found, and was a junior partner in a New York literary agency. In 1942, he joined the U.S. Army Air Force, rising to Major and serving with the Army of Occupation before returning home in 1946 to embark on a career in the foreign service.

Slocum served in the Press Division of the United States Information Agency and was posted to Cairo in the early 1960s as Cultural Attache. On returning to Washington in 1969, he served as Cultural Advisor in the USIA's Policy Division, and enjoyed a variety of assignments promoting cultural activities, particularly as Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution for Bicentennial Planning. He served as a member of the American Numismatic Society's Organizing Committee for the International Numismatic Congress held in New York and Washington, September 1973, and was given special responsibility for liaison with the Smithsonian Institution. In 1973 he was named a Patron of the ANS in recognition of his many contributions.

On his retirement as a Councillor of the ANS in 1993 following nineteen years of loyal service, he was honored with a special Resolution of the Society. Other recent honors accorded Slocum include his election as a Trustee Emeritus of the Archaeological

Institute of America, on whose governing board he had served for twenty-three years, commencing in 1969. He was also given an honorary degree in humane letters from Trinity College, Dublin, conferred upon him in December 1993 in recognition of his important contributions to James Joyce scholarship, including his coauthorship with Herbert Cahoon of an authoritative bibliography of Joyce, published by Yale University Press in 1953. A chance meeting in 1935 with Ezra Pound while Slocum was canoeing on the Salzach River in Austria led him to accompany Pound by car to Italy. In an article published in the *Yale University Library Gazette* for October 1982, Slocum recounted this experience as well as later encounters and correspondence with Pound in New York from 1939 to 1950. An example of John Slocum's diverse intellectual interests is his translation of a Renaissance Latin poem by Giovanni Gioviano Pontano in *Poemata Humanistica Decem* published by the Friends of the Houghton Library at Harvard in 1986.

As a coin collector, Slocum developed a broad archaeological connoisseurship and also brought his scholarly interests to bear on the objects he acquired. His collecting interests were stimulated by his extensive travels in the Middle East during a period when large numbers of coins were coming into the local markets. His collection of Crusader gold and copper coins was by all accounts extraordinary. But he also had a special interest in the coinage and history of the kingdoms that fell between Rome and Persia, such as Characene, Elymais, and especially Hatra, about which he wrote an important article which appeared in the 1977 issue of the American Numismatic Society's journal. John Slocum's interest in the Crusaders also extended to related Byzantine, Muslim, Armenian, and western European issues. In his later years, he formed a collection of Danishmendid bronzes, rare issues of a little understood twelfth century dynasty in Anatolia that issued a transitional coinage bridging Byzantine and Muslim traditions, often with Greek inscriptions. His own collection of Islamic coins was augmented by the purchase of the famous Munzel collection, highlights of which were published in the *Jahrbuch für Numismatik und Geldgeschichte* for 1972 and 1974. In 1979,

his summary of recent numismatic scholarship for "The Latin Orient" was published by the International Numismatic Commission in its *Survey of Numismatic Research*.

Slocum's interest in the preservation of material culture led naturally to his appointments to the U.S. Commission to UNESCO (1981) and the President's Cultural Properties Advisory Committee (1983). He has also served as the First President, Friends of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, DC; as President of Redwood Library in Newport, RI; and as a Trustee of the New England Genealogical Society and of the American Research Center in Egypt.

New Members Welcomed

At its meeting on July 19, the Society's Council elected 37 Associates, either as new or reinstated members of the ANS. Newly elected Associates are:

Abdul Rahman Bin Jaber Alkhalifa, Manama, Bahrain
Bahrain Monetary Agency, Manama, Bahrain
Mr. David B. Bailey, Staten Island, NY
Mr. Thomas Michael Barhorst, Sidney, OH
Mr. Harold J. Black, Morton, IL
Mr. Eric Cheung, New York, NY
Dr. Morris Ehrenreich, West Hempstead, NY
Mr. Richard G. Fleddermann Jr., Baltimore, MD
Ms. Mary Margaret Fulghum, Raleigh, NC
Mr. Richard E. Gray, Enfield, NH
Mr. Eric J. Hanne, Ann Harbor, MI
Dr. Muzammel Haq, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Dr. Ann L. Harris, Snowmass, CO
Mr. Charles Helfand, Little Neck, NY
Mr. Jesse Holzer, New York, NY
Mr. John Madlon, Babylon, NY
Mr. Charles S. Mamiye, Keasbey, NJ
Mr. Joseph Marchitelli, Staten Island, NY
Mr. Dan Masters, San Francisco, CA
Mr. William J. McKivor, Seattle, WA
Mr. Walter Arruda de Menezes, Sao Paulo, Brazil
Mr. Richard P. Miller, Troy, MI
Mr. David W. Page, Williamsburg, VA
Ms. Cleopatra E. Papaevangelou, Athens, Greece

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Associates continued

Dr. Luigi Pedroni, Napoli, Italy
 Mr. Alan W. Pense, Bethlehem, PA
 Ms. Peggy Quisenberry, New York, NY
 Mr. Glen A. Risdon, San Francisco, CA
 Dr. Michael Sarris, Chestnut Hill, MA
 Mr. William Simon, Clifton, NJ
 Mr. Joshua D. Sosin, Durham, NC
 Mr. Edgar Z. Steever, Devon, PA
 Mr. Kevin Uhalde, Princeton, NJ

Four Reinstated

Four previous members were welcomed back as ANS Associates:

Ms. Janet C. Dockendorff, Lincoln, MA
 Mr. William C. Dowling Jr., St. Thomas, VI
 Mr. Raphael Ellenbogen, Upper Arlington, OH
 Universitat Erlangen-Nurnberg, Erlangen, Germany

New Life Members

At its July meeting, the Council recorded the following conversions to Life Membership:

Thomas J. MacDonough, Dover, MA (Assoc. 1985)
 William B. Warden, New Hope, PA (Assoc. 1968; Fellow 1993)

All ANS members have the option to convert to Life Membership by the one-time payment of \$1,000. Life Associates and Life Fellows are excused from the payment of annual dues and are insured against any increase in member dues.

All are Welcome

Associate membership in the ANS is open to all with an interest in numismatics. Members receive a range of benefits including the Society's annual journal, *American Journal of Numismatics*, and are informed about forthcoming events and opportunities through receipt of the quarterly *ANS Newsletter* and special mailings. An added benefit instituted in 1997, provides members the opportunity to receive a free subscription to the *Colonial Newsletter*, a journal devoted to the numismatic history of the United States in the pre-Federal period, which was donated to the ANS by the CNL Foundation as of 1997. Three issues of *CNL* appear each year.

Members are eligible to receive a unique benefit during 1997. By joining an ANS Circle in 1997 — Bronze, Silver, Electrum,

or Gold — a member will receive the special 1997 calendar, "Treasures of the ANS American Cabinet," presented on the occasion of the Eric P. Newman Tribute Dinner. Quantities are limited and when the supply of calendars is exhausted, the offer will be withdrawn.

Reeder Elected Fellow

Ellen D. Reeder, Curator of Ancient Art at the Walters Art Gallery in Baltimore, MD, was elected a Fellow of the Society. At the July meeting, Dr. Reeder was placed in nomination for election as a member of the Society's governing Council (see related story).

ANS ADDS CIRCLE MEMBERS

Members continue to renew their ANS membership in higher categories of support and benefits. Each Circle above the basic level offers attractive benefits and discounts while providing additional, much needed support for the core programs of our organization.

It is not too late for members to collect the special 1997 calendar. "Treasures of the ANS American Cabinet," which is only available as our gift to ANS members who join an ANS Circle during 1997. The calendar, featuring full color illustrations of such rare and important American coins as the Brasher doubloon, the 1804 dollar, and the Confederate half dollar, was issued in honor of Eric P. Newman and presented to him on the occasion of his ANS Tribute Dinner last fall.

It is a pleasure to record the members of the Society who have joined the Electrum, Silver, or Bronze Circles for 1997 during the past quarter.

Electrum Circle (\$500)

Dr. Stephen K. Scher, Clifton, NJ
 Mr. Robert Schonwalter, Fort Lee, NJ

Silver Circle (\$250)

Mr. Arthur I. Appleton, Chicago, IL
 Mr. Joseph F. Keane, Hyde Park, MA
 Mr. Landon Thomas, New York, NY

Bronze Circle (\$100)

Mrs. Cecilia Bakula PhD, Lima, Peru
 Ms. Barbara A. Baxter, Baltimore, MD
 Ms. M. Cruces Blazquez Cerrato, Salamanca, Spain

Mr. James K. Brandt, Pearl River, NY
 Mr. John Farquharson, Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire, Great Britain
 Mrs. Marny A. Gilluly, Washington, DC
 Mr. Thomas E. Higel, APO, AE
 Mr. Georges Husni, Paris, France
 Prof. C. P. Jones, Cambridge, MA
 Mr. Omar S. Khudari, Cambridge, MA
 Dr. Henry Clay Lindgren, San Francisco, CA
 Mr. Charles S. Mamiye, Keasbey, NJ
 Mr. Volker Popp, Mainz, Germany
 Mr. Robert J. Riethe, Ardmore, PA
 Mr. Robert M. Row, Jasper, TX
 Mr. Eckart Schlosser, Giessen, Germany
 Mr. John Schreiner, Valparaiso, IN
 Prof. Susan Wood, Rochester, MI
 Mr. Edward C. Zimmerman, Dunwoody, GA

ANS Plans Special Exhibit for NYINC

The American Numismatic Society is planning a special exhibition at the New York International Numismatic Convention this December 4-7 at the World Trade Center. The exhibit last year, "Treasures of Ancient Coinage," featuring outstanding Greek and Roman coins from the private collections of ANS members, was widely acclaimed and greatly appreciated by visitors to the convention.

John D. Leggett Collection

This year, the ANS will mount "Masterpieces in Miniature: The John D. Leggett Collection of the Coins of Greek Sicily." This extraordinary collection, assembled by an outstanding student of Greek numismatic art, was donated to the ANS by bequest on the death of Mr. Leggett in 1995.

Carmen Arnold-Biucchi, the Margaret Thompson Curator of Greek Coins at the ANS, will serve as curator for the show; an illustrated catalogue, prepared by Dr. Arnold, will accompany the exhibition.

As an added incentive for ANS members to visit the NYINC and enjoy this beautiful assemblage of art from ancient Syracuse and other Sicilian mints, the NYINC board of directors has authorized a Free Admission coupon (see page 15). The ANS will have an information table at the show and we look forward to greeting our current members and encouraging new ANS applicants on that occasion.

Elam Appointed ANS Executive Director

Leslie A. Elam, Director of the ANS since 1972, has been appointed Executive Director, a new position created by vote of the Council at its meeting of July 19. ANS President Arthur A. Houghton explained that, through the Executive Director, the Council now has a chief operating officer of the Society who reports directly, on behalf of the entire organization, to the President and the Council. In turn, Mr. Elam expressed his great appreciation to the Council for this vote of confidence in his ability to guide the administration of the Society at this, the threshold of what promises to be an exciting and highly rewarding chapter in the Society's history.

In announcing the new position, Mr. Houghton indicated that the decision of the Council will be reflected in several proposed amendments to the Society's *Constitution*, which will be placed before the membership at the ANS Annual Meeting on October 25.

Proposed Amendments

In accordance with the provisions of Article 12.3 of the Society's *Constitution*, notice is hereby given to the membership of the following amendments to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting scheduled for October 25, 1997 (new matter in italics).

Article 6.4.

Ex-Presidents and Ex-Councillors may, by a majority vote at any regular meeting of the Society, be elected respectively Honorary Presidents or Honorary Councillors for Life. They may attend and participate in, but not vote at any meeting of the Council, and shall not be considered as forming a part of its prescribed members. The *Executive Director* may, by invitation of the Council, attend and participate in, but not vote at any meeting of the Council.

Article 7.1.

As soon as possible after each Annual Meeting, the Council shall elect from its membership a President and not more than three Vice-Presidents; it shall also elect an *Executive Director*; and it shall also elect a Treasurer, and a Secretary; all of them shall serve for terms of one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. It shall, from time to time, elect such other officers as it may deem desirable, all of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. Two or more offices may be held by one person.

Article 7.3.

In the event of the death, disability, refusal to act, or absence of the President, the senior

available Vice-President shall be President pro tem. In the event of the death, disability, refusal to act, or absence of all Vice-Presidents, the *Executive Director* shall be President pro tem.

Article 7.4.

The *Executive Director* shall be an officer of the Society and at the discretion of the Council may be a salaried officer. *The Executive Director shall have general supervision of all activities of the Society including the direction and coordination of the work of the various departments. He shall be the executive officer for the Council performing such of its duties as it may direct, and shall report directly to the Council. He may make recommendations to the Council as to coordination of interdepartmental activities and the execution of policies established by the Council.*

Article 7.7.

All instruments requiring the corporate seal may be executed by either the President, Vice-President, Treasurer or *Executive Director*, and the Secretary or Assistant Treasurer.

ANS Councillors Nominated

At its meeting on July 19, the Society's Council nominated five incumbent Councillors for election to new three-year terms and voted to place two new members in nomination for election as Councillors at the Society's Annual Meeting on October 25, 1997.

The following incumbents were nominated as members of the Council for the term ending 2000: Kenneth L. Edlow; Arthur A. Houghton III; Eric P. Newman; Donald G. Partrick; and Landon Thomas.

Two New Candidates

Nominated for the term ending 1999 is Clifford L. Mishler, President of Krause Publications, headquartered in Iola, WI. Cliff Mishler has been with the company, founded by Chet Krause, since 1963, serving in positions of increased responsibility from staff, then editor of *Numismatic News*, through corporate v.p. positions to President in 1990. Mr.

Mishler became a Life Fellow of the ANS in 1978 (Assoc. 1958; Fellow 1968); he is a life member of ANA (he received the Farran Zerbe Award in 1984) and various other numismatic clubs and organizations. He is co-author of several Krause catalogues, including *World Coins* and *Commemorative Medals and Tokens*.

Nominated for the term ending 2000 is Ellen R. Reeder, Curator of Ancient Art, Walters Art Gallery, Baltimore, MD. Dr. Reeder, who received the Ph.D. in classical archaeology from Princeton in 1974, has also held academic appointments at George Washington University and Johns Hopkins. Her principal books include *Pandora: Women in Classical Greece* (Princeton, 1995) and *Hellenistic Art in the Walters Art Gallery* (in association with Princeton U. Press, 1988); a volume to accompany the exhibition, "From Alexander to Cleopatra: Greek Art of the Hellenistic Age." She is currently a Member-at-Large of the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens.

Those nominated comprise the slate of the Nominating Committee to be presented for election as Councillors, for the terms designated, at the Annual Meeting of the ANS. Additional nominations, filed in accordance with the provisions of Article 6.3 of the Society's *Constitution*, must be reported to the Secretary at least 15 days before the Annual Meeting.

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CALENDAR

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| <i>September</i> | 7-12 | International Numismatic Congress, Berlin |
| | 8 | Breakfast for ANS members attending the INC, Radisson Hotel Berlin |
| <i>October</i> | 24 | ANS Finance Committee Meeting, 2:00 PM |
| | 25 | ANS Council Meeting, 12:30 PM |
| | | ANS Annual Meeting, 3:00 PM |
| <i>November</i> | 1-3 | ACLS Conference of Administrative Officers, Houston, TX, Leslie A. Elam to attend |
| | 4 | Election Day (ANS Closed) |
| | 8 | COAC 1997: "The Medal in America" |
| | | Opening of Associated Exhibitions |
| | 9 | Workshop on Die-engraving and Die-striking |
| | 15 | Arab-Byzantine Forum III at the ANS |
| | 27-29 | Society closed for Thanksgiving holiday (Exhibits open Nov. 26-27) |
| <i>December</i> | 4 | <i>Colonial Newsletter</i> No. 106 issued |
| | 4-7 | NYINC, Vista WTC Hotel; ANS to host Information Booth; special exhibit, "Masterpieces in Miniature: The John D. Leggett Collection of Coins of Greek Sicily," curated by Carmen Arnold-Biucchi |

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